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The Committee

Annie, Jake, Isaac, and Wayon take seats at the town's theater and stadium where mayor Fidelly Widely is going to make yet another speech about something. The mayor gets on stage and he said, "I have called you all here because a committee is going to be visiting the town tomorrow and they are going to analyze our living conditions. They will see how we are doing and what our standard of living is. They have high standards of living so try and be the best. They will go into some of your places and homes and see how you organize the place, so they can take note of the developmental progress of each of you. It is important to make peace with them and do as they order. The committee will be here tomorrow morning, so you have some time to get your places set up and be prepared for them. Dismissed." Annie, Jake, Isaac, and Wayon leave the stadium and Jake said, "Why do we need this? We're not five-year-old's." Annie said, "It is good that they analyze our living conditions, but I don't think they need to monitor my developmental progress. I've been able to take care of myself for years now." Isaac said, "The committee better get along with me. I only take orders from one person only and that one person is me." Wayon said, "This sounds like a joke and they might be a bunch of folks." Jake laughs, and Annie gives Jake a stern look. Annie said, "It's still important that we make our place look nice and show the committee that we can all get along in peace."

Annie and Jake get to their residence and they begin to clean the place. Jake tries to organize his stuff. Lily enters the scene and Annie said, "Hey Jake! Your girlfriend is here." Jake walks backwards, and Lily walks towards him. Jake begins to shake and stutter. Lily said, "So, what do you want to do?" Jake sees a large cupboard close to the floor and Jake opens it and he crawls in. Lily crawls in with him and Lily is blocking the door leaving Jake stuck in the cupboard. Lily said, "Is this what you like doing for fun? Just hiding in the cupboard?" Jake said, "No… I mean…" Lily said, "You don't have to be afraid of anything. If someone's giving you a hard time, I will teach them a lesson." Lily makes a fist with her right hand and she punches her left hand with it. Annie said, "I'm going to let you love-birds be. I will go and have some alone time." Annie quietly laughs, and she leaves Jake and Lily alone in the place. Annie walks down the street and she sees crazy looking people trying to throw old and dirty mattresses out the windows and they land on the street. The street is filled with old and dirty mattresses. Annie sees people getting rid of some old stuff. Annie sees a for sale sign and she sees someone is selling old gadgets. Annie looks through the old gadgets. Annie sees a laser diode. Annie said, "A laser diode. I could use one of these." She looks through more gadgets. She sees something she wants to take a look at and she places her hand over it and just then, another hand is placed over hers. Annie looks at the person that placed his hand over hers. It is an orange-hair, pointy-faced boy wearing a white shirt with a black tie and an yellow sweater with an orange zig-zag line going across the middle. They both stare at each other for a second and the boy said, "I know you. You're Annie, right?" Annie shakes her head yes.

Annie said, “I know you from somewhere.” The boy said, “My name is, Keith. I am a genius inventor in science and technology just like yourself. I’ve been wanting to meet with you. You interest me.” Annie takes time to think and she soon realizes who he is and what’s going on.” Annie said, “I know what your deal is, and you’re not going to fool me or get me to do anything for you.” Keith said, “C’mon, we just met. We should get to know each other a little bit first.” Annie said, “I know who you are. You’re Keith. I know about the things you’ve done to Jason and Mason and I know about your attempts at taking over the world.” Keith laughs, and he said, “That was amateur stuff. I know you need me and I need you.” Annie said, “How so?” Keith said, “I need to become famous and have a world-class reputation at being an inventor. I’ve invented machines that could be used to cure world hunger. It needs another genius to look at it and I think you’re just the one for that. In return, I know about this place. I know you are stuck here against your will and I have legal expertise and other forms of expertise too. I can get you out of here. I can help you defeat mayor Fidelly Widely and the other people that have you detained in this town.” Annie thinks, and she said, “I guess I can use the help with getting out of this place. Why don’t you come over to my place and have some tea and biscuits and we will discuss our terms and conditions?” Keith said, “Sounds like a plan.”

Annie and Keith walk down the street starring at the people cleaning out their houses and filling the streets with obscure junk. Keith said, “I know what’s going on. A committee is going to come here tomorrow, and they will analyze this place. What you need to do is manipulate the committee, so they will see the horrors of this place and they will work towards shutting the place down.” Annie said, “How do I do that?” Keith said, “You can get that done with some help from me. Just let me be here when the committee shows up. I can do ninety-seven percent of the work.” Annie and Keith arrive at the residence and they see Lily and Jake are sitting at the table and Lily is awkwardly starring at Jake and Jake is going on a meaningless tangent. As Annie and Keith walk in, Annie said, “Keith this is Jake and his girlfriend, Lily, Jake, this is Keith. Keith can help us with our cause. He is a genius like me and he tells me he has the second highest known IQ in the world.” Annie goes to make tea and the four of them sit at the table. Keith looks around the place and he said, “This place is just average for living arrangements. You know, I can invent something that will allow you and your friends to sneak out of this place and then you can come and live with me at my mansion. We will get to invent things and be with each other all day, every day.” Jake said, “I think Keith has a crush on you.” Annie said, “Why am I not surprised. All the guys used to fall for me back in high school.” Keith said, “We really are much alike. We both invent things and we both have goals and ambitions. You wanted to go to that prestigious school you got accepted into, so you can revolutionize health care and make other scientific discoveries. I want to revolutionize the technology world and be given the title I rightfully deserve. Recognition of achievement is what I want. That is what we have in common. We are both worthy of recognition, but we don’t get that because of strange circumstances.” Keith reaches in his sweater and he pulls out a ray gun that is made from lightbulbs and shiny metal. Annie looks at it and she said, “What’s that?” Keith said, “This is the Agreement Ray. I invented this. You aim it at people and you flick this switch here and it activates, and it makes people more agreeable with what you want to say. You can have this. You will be needing this tomorrow. That is why I needed the diode you had your hands on.” Keith hands the ray to Annie. Keith said, “Trust me, you will be needing me tomorrow. I will be leaving now, and I will be back tomorrow morning before the committee shows up. I want you to

consider this deal I have spoken to you about." Keith leaves Annie's place and she holds the Agreement Ray and she adds the diode to it.

That night, Annie lies in bed and she thinks about her meeting with Keith and the idea he has given to her. Annie said, "Should I trust Keith?" Annie gets flashbacks of things she has read about Keith and about Keith doing cruel things and Jason and Mason having to fight Keith. Annie said, "It is good to get all the help I can get and maybe Keith is just the person I need for this. Keith did give me his Agreement Ray. Maybe Keith has changed and maybe he really is willing to help me, and my friends break out of the crazy town prison and expose the horror of the place to the world. I think I have a new player on my team."

The next day comes and Annie tries out the Agreement Ray and it does appear to be working but she doesn't know how to test it. Lily comes over again and Annie lets her play with Jake and to show the committee that Annie and Jake get along with other people in peace. Keith shows up and Keith said, "What's the verdict of my proposal?" Annie said, "This crazy town really is unfair and unjust, and they stole an education from me that I rightfully deserved. You are now another player on my team." Keith said, "I thought you would say that. I am glad we can have this friendship. Friendships really are important."

The committee comes, and they enter Annie and Jake's place. Annie sees the committee as they enter and they all look like average business men. She then sees one of them is a mop-topped guy with blond hair and a square shaped head. Annie's mouth opens in joy and she walks to him to shake his hand. Annie said, "Jason." Jason said, "You must be, Annie. You're the smart girl that won the scholarship." Annie said, "I've read about all the documented adventures you had with your twin brother, Mason." Annie and Jason smile at each other. Jake and Lily are at the dinning room table and Jake is babbling about nonsense again. Lily sees Jason walk in and she gets a bolt of energy and she runs to Jason. Lily quickly pans her head around and she sees the committee members (including Jason) have keys on them. She is all jumpy and she catches Jason's attention and she said, "Hi." Jason said, "Why hello there." Lily said, "I'm Lily. I live in this crazy town. I'm into boys that are insanely hot." Jason said, "That's good. I'm into girls that are insanely hot." Lily laughs, and she said, "Do you want to go out on a date?" Jason said, "I have a girlfriend." Lily suddenly loses her bolt of energy and she said, "Oh, that's okay." Lily forgets the whole thing happened and she goes back, and she sits at the dinning room table with Jake.

The committee looks through the place. Annie and Jason enter Annie's bedroom. Jason looks at a side table that Annie has that's cluttered with science and technology supplies. Jason sees Keith is standing perfectly still next to the side table. Jason said, "Keith? What are you doing here?" Keith breaks his stillness and he said, "I am here to convince this committee of the atrocities of this place." Jason said, "What do you mean?" Annie gets in between them, and Annie said, "Jason, I know about your bravery and heroic efforts. I need your help. This place is an insane asylum that is disguised as a city. I am here against my will and everyone else is here against their will too and I did nothing wrong. I need your help. I need you to

spread the word of this place. This place needs to be recognized for what it truly is, and it needs to be shut down." Jason smiles at Annie and he said, "I was told that all the people that live here are nutcases and I am not supposed take anything they say seriously. Plus, I get paid a large amount of money for this, so I can buy snacks to go with my life-time supply of orange soda that I won two years ago. There is another reason why I shouldn't trust you. Why is Keith in your bedroom?" Annie said, "Keith has agreed to help me defeat the mayor and the other evil officials that run this place and, so we call all be free." Jason confronts Keith. Jason said, "I don't know what you have planned here but it is not going to work." Keith said, "C'mon Jason. We're friends, remember?" Jason said, "Yeah and you tricked me into switching bodies with you, so you can do your dirty work against Mason and the world under my name. Or like that time you broke into Mason's lab and you slashed my fairy tale friends." Keith said, "They weren't even real. They were just things of your imagination that was created by a machine Mason stole from Dr. Wershener." Annie has a stern look on her face as she hears the argument. Jason said, "I hear the inspection is done and I'm leaving." Jason and the committee leave the place.

Annie, Jake, and Keith sit at the dinning room table with their heads down knowing what is likely to happen with a lost opportunity. Keith reaches into his sweater and he pulls out a keypad with a screen on it. Annie said, "What's that?" Keith said, "I finished this just this morning before the committee entered the place. This connects to the Agreement Ray and it allows you to control the speech of your subject. You type right here, and you press the enter key and it sends that line of speech to the subject you wish to control. I also snatched this program sheet from one of the committee members and it says that they will be on stage at the stadium tonight to make their final verdicts on the crazy town. That is where we can control them. It will be in a place where everyone will hear their words. DDD news is going to be there to document the event." Annie said, "Why would DDD news come to an event like this?" Keith said, "The public thinks it is just them doing an inspection on a simple town. They don't know the whole story. With this invention of mine, we can make those committee members fork over the whole story." Annie said, "That sounds like a mighty fine idea."

That night, Annie, Jake, Isaac, Wayon, and Keith sit in the stadium where the mayor is present on stage with the committee. Annie and Keith sit next to each other and Keith shows Annie how to work the Agreement Ray with the text to speech add-on. Annie is given the gadget and she aims it into the committee on the stage. The seats are dark since it is night time, so it is hard to see who is in the audience. The mayor said, "The committee is ready to conclude their analysis of the town. Here is the committee leader, Ray Parker." Ray Parker gets at the podium and he said, "Some of the units we checked did indeed pass and some of them appeared to be empty. We did find a lot of mattresses out on the street and a lot of other unwanted junk out on the street too. The town has lost marks for that, but it still overall passed." Annie and Keith see DDD news vans set up and they bring out the cameras and they begin to film the event. Annie fires the ray at Parker and Annie types in, "The secrets of this place…" Parker says exactly what Annie has typed in. Annie and Keith look at each other and they smile. Annie types, "This place is actually a mental asylum created by the state government to imprison people with incredible talents, so the world will never know about them. They have robbed great people of freedom and the rights that any citizen of the free world should have."

Parker says all that and the mayor looks at him and he cringes. The mayor suspects something is wrong. Parker said, “A smart prodigy girl named, Annie is a master at calculus and vectors. She won a scholarship and she was going off to a prestigious school where she was captured and detained and brought to this place.”

The mayor goes looking through the crowd and he sees Annie with the Agreement Ray and she is using it on Parker. The mayor grabs onto the ray and Annie kicks the mayor’s hands. Keith grabs out a container of spray and he sprays it in the mayor’s face. The mayor walks backwards, and Jake leaves his seat and he crouches down and the mayor trips over Jake. The mayor falls through the seats and he lands on a floor between seats. The mayor takes out a radio and he calls for backup. Annie continues to use the Agreement Ray on Parker and he now as spilled out all Annie knows about the place. SWAT trucks come to the stadium and SWAT members come in large numbers. They crowd around Annie and her team and they rip the Agreement Ray out of Annie’s hands and they smash it. Keith tries to use some of his gadgets, but the SWAT team pushes Keith aside and they grab onto Annie and Jake and they walk away with them. The mayor gets back on the stage and he said, “Everything Parker just said in the last five minutes was not true. He was being controlled by a dangerous gadget one of the detainees built to manipulate him, so they could escape. You see, this is more the reason why we cannot let these mental patients out into the city. They will build dangerous things like that and they can take over the city with them.”

Annie and Jake sit in a detainment cell and one of the guards said, “You have a visitor.” Keith walks to the cell and he said, “I’m sorry that our plan did not go very well. I will try to fix this problem in the future. I know it is possible for you to escape this place and to defeat the evil that plagues this place. I will be back with improved gadgets at your disposal.” Annie said, “Thanks for trying to help. Now the mayor thinks I invented your Agreement Ray and now the mayor has put Jake and me under arrest and we have to spend a week in this cell. This place truly is unfair.” Keith said, “You said it. I know you have potential. I know you will be successful. You just have to keep trying. Good bye, I will see you again.” Keith leaves the prison and he said, (He imagines this as he says it.) “I have made progress. Now I just need to keep convincing Annie that she can get out of this nightmare with my help. The two of us will defeat the evil mayor and Annie will love me. The two of us will invent incredible gadgets and we will be the most powerful couple in the world. We will defeat Mason for sure.” Keith laughs.

Lily enters the prison and she takes out a key and unlocks Annie and Jake. Annie said, “How did you get the key for this place?” Lily said, “I would do anything for Jake. I noticed the committee members had keys on them and I thought they could be used for something. I stole it and used it here.” Annie and Jake said, “Thanks.” They leave the scene.